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## Tax & Revenue Department Will Hold Week Long Free Seminar on White-Collar Crimes Investigations

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department will hold a week-long seminar on how to detect and unravel complex white collar financial crimes of embezzlement, tax evasion, public corruption and more. The seminar will be held from Feb. 20 through Feb. 24 in Albuquerque at the Museum of Albuquerque Art and History.

This seminar is limited to 50 participants from federal, state and local governmental agencies only. The seminar, being conducted by the Department's Tax Fraud Investigations Division, is free of charge and the participants are enrolled on a first come, first serve basis. This is the ninth time the seminar has been presented since the Tax Fraud Investigations Division was created in 2003.

The lead instructors for the seminar are Alvan Romero, Director, and James Maes, Deputy Director of the Tax Fraud Investigations Division. Both are retired IRS criminal investigation special agents, certified public accountants, certified fraud examiners and certified in financial forensics. They have presented Financial Investigations Seminars for the past 30 years to over 1,200 New Mexico law enforcement officers and prosecutors from federal, state and local agencies.

Other guest presenters will be: Jody R. Curran, Attorney, New Mexico Attorney General's Office; Nelson Goodin, Chief Legal Counsel, New Mexico Taxation and Revenue Department; Aurora Sanchez, Senior Vice President, Chief Operations Officer, First National Bank, Artesia; and Danette Sandoval, Criminal Analyst Supervisor, New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigations Section.

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